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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 278

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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Miss Tara Ann Barrier,
2001 Valedictorian of Smyrna High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Tara Ann Barrier is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Smyrna High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Tara has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Tara Barrier has earned an exemplary 4.00 grade point average while being quite active in various extracurricular activities and community events; and

WHEREAS, During her years at Smyrna High School, Tara actively participated on the Track and Cross-Country teams, dutifully earning her the Cross-Country Bulldog Award during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, A musically gifted young lady, Tara played as the Principal Clarinetist for the Rutherford County Junior High Band during her ninth grade year, for the Rutherford County Senior High Band during her eleventh grade year, and for the Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra during her tenth grade year; she also participated in the Senior High Mid-State Band, making the First Band, and was the First Alternate for the Senior High All-State Band; and

WHEREAS, A fierce competitor, Tara successfully contended in various scholastic competitions as well; she won second place and honorable mention awards at the Vanderbilt Science Fair, and was the essay contest winner at the Plastics Society of Engineers' State Essay Contest. She demonstrated great writing skills as a Rutherford County Promise of a New Millennium Essay Contestant, and wrote one of the Top 10 research papers for the Governor's School for Tennessee Heritage; and

WHEREAS, This meritorious scholar competed and placed twelfth in the State on the National Spanish Exam as a tenth grader and was the runner-up in her school's Spelling Bee her tenth grade year; and

WHEREAS, Honored for her academic achievements, Tara Barrier has been the recipient of the Perfect Attendance Award twice during her high school career, and has been named an All-American Scholar for Academics and for the Sciences. She has earned the Top 10% Award, and has also been inducted into the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Miss Barrier's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Tara Ann Barrier's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, David and Leisa Barrier, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Tara's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Smyrna High School Valedictorian,

Miss Tara Ann Barrier, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.